

Virginia Elizabeth Southard

Contrary to what is written in a book on the life of her stepson Ogden Hoffman, Jr. Virginia did not open the School for Girls because she was destitute upon the death of her husband. The school was open for more than 2 decades before he died.

1835: School for Girls

Opened 1835. In 1859 Virginia published the pamphlet "Mrs. Ogden Hoffman's Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies, no. 5 West Thirty-First Street, (between Fifth and Madison Avenues,) New York." Still running the School in 1862 when Rose donated (*see below*).

By 1867 was owned by Madame da Silva at 24 West 38th and advertised "French the language of the school and the family" and 3 decades later will still using the cache that was attached to the name Ogden Hoffman: 1885 – "Mme. Da Silva & Mrs. Bradford's (formerly Mrs. Ogden Hoffman's) English, French, and German Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies and Children" at 15 & 17 West 38th; July 1888 - "Madame da Silva's Boarding & Day School" at 24 West 38th St.

1921: Church of the Good Shepherd

In 1921 the Church of the Good Shepherd, Elizabethtown (NY?) received 200 pounds sterling towards its permanent endowment from the estate of Virginia Southard Hoffman and provided for a brass tablet placed in the church with the inscription "*The building of this church was largely due to the devoted energy of Virginia Elizabeth Hoffman, daughter of Samuel L. Southard of New Jersey, and widow of Ogden Hoffman of New York. Born April 20th 1815. Died February 1st 1886. Her life was spent in the unselfish service of God and Man. Fervent in spirit, rejoicing in hope. Patient in tribulation. Serving the Lord. Her daughters place this tablet to her beloved memory.*" Located at 10 Williams Street, Elizabethtown NY. None in Elizabeth, NJ: Christ Church (1853), Grace Church (1840), Trinity Church (1860; continued by St. Elizabeth's at N Broad & Chestnut Sts.)

2009: Rose Percy Doll

American Red Cross to auction historic Rose Percy Doll at Heritage Auctions, Nov. 17, 2009: the one and only Rose Percy, an historic and beloved wax doll originally sold in 1864 as a benefit for the U.S. Sanitary Commission. Estimated value: \$40,000-\$60,000

Rose is a 23" English poured wax doll with blue eyes and blond hair, possibly made by Charles Marsh or Herbert John Meech. "There is no American doll of the 19th century more famous than Rose Percy," said Tom Slater, Director of Americana at Heritage. "She is a rare and transcendent piece of Americana. The mere fact of her survival is an amazing thing in and of itself, let alone contemplating the history and the people she's witnessed."

The doll was most likely imported directly from London in 1862 and given to the young ladies of Mrs. Ogden Hoffman's boarding school who fell in love with her and set out to outfit in such a magnificent fashion that money could be raised to aid the Sanitary Commission's cause. Beside the work that the girls did themselves, they appealed to local merchants to craft items exclusively for Rose Percy that would set her apart from all others. One of these local merchants, furrier **C. G. Gunther's Sons**, donated an ermine tippet, muff, cuffs, and cap; one of the Gunther sons was then mayor of New York. One of the other local merchants is a brand known and venerated worldwide today, **Tiffany and Co.**

The girls donated Rose to the Metropolitan Fair in aid of the Sanitary Commission, the forerunner of the American Red Cross, in April 1864. Funds were desperately needed to continue the commission's ministry to the sick and wounded of the war. Among the treasures of the world on display for perusal or purchase at this massive bazaar sat Rose Percy on her own small sofa (not now present), along with her wardrobe and her favorite books, photo albums, and dressing accessories.

Rose Percy was first purchased by one of the female members of the wealthy New York Astor family who paid for her and then donated her back to the Sanitary Commission to raise additional money for

their coffers. Tradition says that she was auctioned off for \$1200 to an unknown gentleman who donated the doll and clothing back to Mrs. Hoffman's boarding school. They, in turn, gave Rose Percy to a Doctor Peters, where she became the "foster child" of the doctor's own daughter Bertha. Many times during the next decades Bertha allowed Rose to travel to fairs and exhibitions, creating interest and raising money for various worthy causes. "Bertha loaned it back to the Red Cross for display in 1920, an event that made national news in America at the time and was widely covered in the nation's emerging press," said Slater. "It was Bertha's daughter who, in 1954, formally gifted Rose to the Red Cross."

She will be offered with an original wardrobe of clothing and collection of accessories that are second to none in scope, quality, or history - with 22 boxes of carefully wrapped accessories in archival quality boxes. A brief inventory, grouped by the contents of each box:

1. Three hats: velvet with veil, flowers, and tie; velvet with bow and tie; and blue and white silk.
2. Accessories including: six miniature books- *Downy and Her Kittens*, *Dick Lee*, *The Lost Baby*, *Willie's Vacation Vol. 1*, *Willie's Vacation Vol.2*, *The Little Chimney Sweeper* (all Boston: S. R. Urbino, 1864) (all with "Rose Percy" written in script on the front free endpaper); a **Tiffany & Co.** gold necklace with nine coral pendant drops in its original, custom-fitted, "RP" monogrammed plum leather lined in Tiffany blue velvet; a grooming kit in a lined wooden box; small leather case with "Miss Rose Percy" calling cards and original engraving plate (possibly by Tiffany); a set of dominoes in a wooden, slide-top box; a "*Fairy Album*" by J. E. Tilton of Boston, with inserted photos and Bertha Peters name written in the front; **Tiffany & Co.** matching buttons and a brooch in a fitted leather case with blue velvet lining; a sewing kit in a basket with thimble, pin cushion, etc.; and a box of monogrammed notepaper and envelopes in the original **Tiffany & Co.** box.
3. Yellow taffeta dress and red ice-skating dress.
4. Blue and white robe, flannel slip, and crocheted sweater.
5. White silk dress with tartan ribbon trim and pink silk dress.
6. Purple silk dress with black lace ribbon.
7. Ermine fur coat, muffs, and collars, quilted bag, and wash bag with hairpins.
8. Green coat with quilted lining, green dress, blue and white plaid dress, blue wool coat, and green cape with hood.
9. White dickey, two white sleeves, and a white slip.
10. Straw boater with flowers and a straw bonnet with fringe and tie.
11. White short gown, white dickey, three white hankies, red and white hankie, two sleeves, and pair white pantaloons.
12. Another group of accessories including: a blanket roll; a hairnet; a **Tiffany** fitted case for two bracelets (missing); a jump rope, a small photo album; pair of ice skates with bag; a hand fan; powder container with puff; views of Paris album; a wallet; clothes brush and matching hairbrush; purse with chain strap; and a purse with **four original circulated coins from the period**- three half dimes (1854 with arrows at date, 1857, and 1861) and one three cent silver (appears to be 1852).
13. Black lace boots, brown half-boots, white button shoes, black button shoes, white leather gloves, knit bedroom slippers, white and blue leggings, blue and black leggings, red stockings, two pair white socks and one single, and one pair short white socks.
14. Two white slips.
15. White lawn dress, white dickey, and two slips.
16. Pair lawn sleeves, fitted blouse, and loose blouse.
17. Purple dress with black trim and green silk taffeta check dress.
18. Dark green dress in silk taffeta with black trim.
19. Green and white skirt with jacket, plaid dress, red dress with black trim and white sleeves.
20. Blue wool dress with black trim and white sleeves.
21. Blouse, two pair of pantaloons, five short gowns, five long gowns, and hoop half slip.
22. White gauze dress.

Edmund Burke, Genealogy of the Hoffman Family Descendants of Martin Hoffman with biographical notes (NY: Dodd, Mead & Co. Copyright, 1899 By Eugene A. Hoffman)

Ogden Hoffman: born October 13, 1794, son of Josiah Ogden Hoffman and Mary Golden

1812: graduated Columbia College, was appointed Midshipman in the Navy.

1814, December 31: taken prisoner with Capt. Decatur on the *President*.

1815: participant, war with the Barbary States.

1816: resigned commission; studied law with father. Emily d. ca 1830

1819, June 27: married Emily Burrall, daughter of Charles Burrall, by whom he had two sons:
died 24 Mar 1892, Manhattan;

1821: Charles Burrall Hoffman: married Harriet Willett. bur: St James Cem, Goshen (birthyr stone: 1828)

1823: Ogden Hoffman: died unmarried b 15 Oct 1822, d 9 Aug 1891, Judge, San Francisco;
bur Mt Tamalpais Cem

1832, May 30: co-sponsored dinner for Washington Irving at the City Hotel in Broadway.

1838, November 15: married Virginia E. Southard, by whom he had three children:

1839, August 17: Southard Hoffman: born in Jersey City. He married, June 23, 1866, Sarah
Acklen (born Huntsville, AL, November 29, 1841). From 1876 to 1899: clerk of the US
Courts in San Francisco, Cal. 6 children: "Colonel" per obit of Ogden Hoffman Jr

Southard Hoffman: born in Fernandina, Fla., March 29, 1867. In SF 1891

Ogden Hoffman: born in New York City, November 9, 1868. in SF 1891

Mary Turner Hoffman: born in Elizabeth, N. J., August 29, 1871.

Cadwalader Golden Hoffman: born in Elizabeth, NJ, Mar 2, 1874; died Apr 30, 1876.

Alice Golden Hoffman: born in San Francisco, Cal., April 22, 1877.

John Acklen Hoffman: born in San Francisco, Cal., May 15, 1878.

1840: Mary Colden Hoffman: living in London in 1899.

1842: Virginia Southard Hoffman: living with sister in London.

1856, May 2: Ogden dies at 9th Street home in Manhattan from "congestion of the lungs"

1856, May 3: Funeral at Church of the Annunciation, 14th street

1856, May 3: Burial in vault at St. Mark's Church in-the-Bowery at 131 East 10th St with Emily?
(intersection of Stuyvesant St & Second Av, East Village)

NYC Marriage & Death Notices 1836-1842, Volume 1 (NY Society Library)

MARRIED: On Thursday evening, by the Rev. Dr. Wainwright, Ogden Hoffman, Esq., to
Virginia E. Southard, daughter of the Hon. Samuel L. Southard. (15 November 1838)

Reverend Jonathon M. Wainwright: Trinity Church assistant minister assigned to St
John's Chapel. Became 5th Bishop of NY in 1852.

Ogden Hoffman is often incorrectly named Josiah Ogden Hoffman. His internment in a
vault at St Marks in the Bowery is currently being researched as there is a possibility he
was reinterred in Trinity Cemetery in 1860 after Virginia bought a large plot there
following the death of her mother Rebecca in January. On the site Find-A-Grave the
picture given for Ogden Hoffman's vault may be wrong - it is inscribed "Vault No. 1,
1823, Martin Hoffman" who held several positions with St Marks Church. In a
description of the cemetery Ogden Hoffman's vault is noted as being near the church
building.

Date: Wednesday, January 16,
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Location: Oxford, New York

Paper: Times

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Troy Daily Whig

3 May 1856

Death of Ogden Hoffman.

The telegraphic announcement of the death of this able and widely distinguished jurist and advocate, created a painful surprise in the public mind. No announcement of his illness had been made in the journals of the day, and it appears that his disease suddenly assumed an alarming type. In his death the Bar of the State has lost one of its brightest ornaments, and his family and wide circle of personal friends a most cherished and genial companion. We find in the *Tribune* of yesterday the following account of his last illness and a brief mention of the prominent points in his honorable and successful career:—

Though for the last three days suffering from congestion of the lungs, he was not supposed to be in any danger till just before his death. He was out on Sunday last apparently in his usual health. At noon yesterday he was attacked with a suffusion of blood from the stomach, and died two hours afterward.

Mr. Hoffman was the son of the late Josiah Ogden Hoffman, formerly Recorder of our city, and long a Judge of our Superior Court, and was born in this City near the close of the last century. When a boy, he entered the U. S. Navy as a midshipman, and distinguished himself by gallantry and efficiency in one of the sea-fights of the Last War with Great Britain. He afterward studied law, and commenced practice, we believe, at Goshen, Orange County. We think it was from this county that he was elected to the Legislature, some thirty years ago. He removed more than twenty years since to this, his native city, and gradually rose to the head of his profession as a pleader, winning eminent distinction by his defense of Richard P. Robinson, charged with the murder of Helen Jewett. In 1836, he was elected to Congress, being carried on both the Whig and Working-Mens' tickets, and in 1840 he was re-elected, the whole Whig ticket been carried by about 1,000 majority. Mr. Hoffman's eloquence, winning manners, and great personal popularity, doubtless contributed to these triumphs.

In 1852, he very earnestly battled for the election of Gen. Scott, with whom he had for many years been linked in the ties of an ardent friendship founded in mutual esteem.

In 1854, he was nominated by the Whigs for Attorney-General and elected by the highest popular vote of any man on any ticket. He served out his term, but declined being a candidate for re-election.

He was married in early manhood to a lady who died many years since, leaving at least one son, now grown to manhood. Several years after her decease, he married Miss Virginia Southard, daughter of the Hon. Samuel L. Southard of New Jersey, who survives him.

Mr. Hoffman was a man of generous, kindly nature, a fascinating associate, and a devoted friend. His funeral will take place to-morrow from the Church of the Annunciation, Fourteenth street.

Mr. FILLMORE.—Private letters from Ancona, Italy, dated 2d of April, advise us that Mr. FILLMORE was there en route from Rome to Venice, and expressed a determination to visit St. Petersburg, now that peace was declared, before returning to the United States.

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Article Ad/Classified

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le **Mme OGDEN HOFFMANN**
No 17, Ouest, 38ème rue,

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 1863

Location: Washington (DC), District
of Columbia

Paper: *Daily National
Intelligencer*

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1865 Trow's City Directory: Hoffman, Virginia E, widow Ogden
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Event Place Note	New Haven Palladium, Issue: 27 Nov 1838, pg185
Name	Ogden Hoffman
Sex	Male
Spouse's Name	Virginia E. Southard
Spouse's Sex	Female
Marriage Date	15 Nov 1838
Marriage Place	Connecticut, United States

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Samuel L. Southard Father M

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Ogden Hoffman Husband M

Name	Ogden Hoffman
Sex	Male
Spouse's Name	Virginia E. Southard
Spouse's Sex	Female
Spouse's Father's Name	Samuel L. Southard
Spouse's Father's Sex	Male


Marriage Date	15 Nov 1838
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